



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Dear Property Owner:

Once again, we would like to express our regrets on the loss of your home. It was a truly tragic situation that we are working to avert in the future. To help prevent future fires, the City is proposing a number of changes to the City's building codes.

There are lessons learned in every fire. The Fire-Rescue Department studied the Cedar fire and recommended the [attached](#) building code changes to ensure that any new or rebuilt homes within the City limits will have a higher degree of fire safety. These regulations are not yet in effect. They will only go into effect if approved by the City Council.

This letter is being sent to give you timely information about the proposed changes so you will have adequate opportunities to determine how they might affect your plans for rebuilding. As part of the approval process, the first of two public hearing on these proposed code changes will be held at the Board of Building Appeals scheduled for Jan. 8, 2004. This will be followed by City Council consideration on Jan. 20. One of the decisions the Council will discuss is whether these requirements should go into effect retroactively on an emergency basis for all building permit applications received on or after Dec. 22, 2003.

Information about these meetings and final adoption of these regulations will be available on the City's website www.sandiego.gov or by calling City Clerk's office at 619-533-4000.

Please share this information with your contractor or architect. If you or your representatives have questions on fire codes, please contact Fire Marshal Sam Oates at 619-533-4407. If you have questions about building codes, how they relate to the design of your home or the plan review process, please contact Development Services at 858-790-0129, or 619-446-5000.

Sincerely,

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Fire-Rescue Department

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